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Title: System and Method for Authenticating an Operating System to a Central
Processing Unit, Providing the CPU/OS With Secure Storage, and
Authenticating the CPU/OS to a Third Party

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In the Claims:

Please add new claims 69-77:

69. (New) In a computer system having a central processing unit (CPU) and an operating system (OS), the CPU having a pair of private and public keys and a software identity register that holds an identity of the operating system, a method comprising:

creating an identity of the OS containing the identity from the software identity register and information describing the operating system; and
signing the software identity register using the CPU private key.

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